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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Joaquin Feria et al.  
Appln. No.: 09/680,902  
Filed: October 6, 2000  
For: Method for Determining Total Cost of  
Ownership  
Attorney Docket No: 10022/46

Examiner: Eric Shaffer  
Art Unit: 3623

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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

☒ Submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (*check at least one of the following*):

☒ Previously submitted:

- ☐ Applicant(s) requests nonentry of any previously-filed unentered amendments.  
☒ Please enter and consider the "Amendment B" After Final Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on September 3, 2004  
☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Attached is/are:

- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement  
☐ An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings  
☐ New Arguments and/or New Evidence in support of Patentability  
☒ Other: copy of "Amendment B" previously filed on September 3, 2004

☐ Request for suspension of action:

Applicant(s) hereby request suspension of action on the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; requires Processing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)).

☐ Small Entity Status:

☐ Applicant hereby asserts entitlement to claim small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.

☐ A small entity statement or assertion of entitlement to claim small entity status was filed in prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ and such status is still proper and desired.

☐ Is no longer desired.

☒ Applicant(s) calculate the following fees to be due in connection with this Request:

☒ A Request fee of \$790 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e).

☐ A suspension processing fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i).

☐ An additional filing fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 (\_\_\_\_\_ additional independent claims and/or \_\_\_\_\_ additional total claims).

☐ An extension fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) for a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension of time.

☒ Fee payment to cover the above-enumerated fee(s):

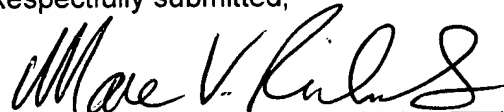
☒ A check in the amount of \$790 is enclosed.

☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

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☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE). A copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,



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